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By GENERAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR

An Act to declare the title and ownership of meandered streams
and lakes and waters of the state.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. The title and ownership of artificial lakes;
2 meandered rivers and streams; and meandered lakes, whether
3 navigable or non-navigable; is hereby declared to be in the
4 state. Said title shall include the waters and the bed thereof
5 and shall extend to the ordinary highwater line.

1 Sec. 2. The title and ownership to the water of every
2 natural stream, subject to such use thereof as has heretofore
3 been appropriated, is hereby declared to be the property of the
4 state.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 3

The authority possessed by the state to declare title to the above designated property within its borders has been declared by Federal law since the inception of statehood. This bill, while a belated declaration, may or should be of advantage in the years to come.